

## THE NORTHWESTERN

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### NEBRASKA NEWS.

Ulca, Ctce county, has arranged to celebrate on the Fourth.

The wheat harvest in Adams county now on, is a wonderful yield.

Two lively stables in Fairbury were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$4,000.

Nebraska's apple crop this year will be fair, but not as large as in 1896.

There are 1,287 farms in Wayne county and 242,847 acres of farm land.

Wakefield's Fourth of July celebration was the fifteenth without a break.

A fire was discovered in the neck of time to prevent the Kelly hotel at Rtulo from burning up.

The average daily milk receipts of the Dixon creamery for the year just closed were 7,422. Total cash receipts, \$17,965.49.

Mrs. Tom Boyle of Omaha was burned to death by the explosion of a gasoline stove. She leaves a husband and four small children.

At Malmo, Saunders county, a horse became entangled in a wire fence, and in its efforts to free itself, inflicted injuries which necessitated its killing.

A traveler giving the name of Ernest Robinson had his foot crushed between the bumpers of two cars at Chappell. It was so badly injured that amputation became necessary.

The Lyons Mirror thinks there is no more use for an army officer at Winnebago agency as agent than for one in Lyons. If the Indians are citizens then treat them as such, and not as hostiles.

The banking board has issued a charter to the State bank of D. Witt which will succeed the De Witt bank. The capital stock of the new organization is \$15,000. Theodore H. Miller and E. E. Butler are president and cashier.

Lieut. Gov. Northcott of Illinois, the head consul of the M. W. A., will deliver an address at the Logrolling and social picnic at Wayne, August 15. A grand time is anticipated by the Woodmen of this part of the state.

The receiver of the defunct Merchants' bank of Lincoln, after a six days' examination of the affairs of the institution, filed his first report with District Judge Holmes. It does not show a very promising state of affairs.

A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eichoff of Tilden, Antelope county, had her leg pierced by a needle which penetrated part way through the bone. A physician succeeded in getting it out and no serious results are anticipated.

The insurance commissioner has called attention to the fact that the Equitable Aid Union insurance company of Columbus, Pa., is in the hands of a receiver, and that its charter to do business in this state is hereby revoked.

The sentence of Henry Beers has been commuted and he was released from the penitentiary on the 5th. He was sentenced for life in 1887 for the murder of a young woman. The crime having been committed in Lancaster county.

R. C. McCandish of Valley precinct, Polk county, has assigned for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities are over \$8,000 and all the property in sight amounts to less than \$3,000. This is the first assignment in Polk county in four years.

James C. Dahlman, one of the secretaries of the board of transportation, is said to be considering a proposition to become the chief of police of Omaha at a salary of \$2,500 a year, or \$500 a year more than his present position pays.

While shelling corn for Willier Barret, eight miles north of Weeping Water, Oliver Carmichael threw a pitchfork out of the crib. It struck in the ground, and then he climbed out of the crib backwards and down to within a few feet of the ground, when he let go and impaled himself on the handle of the fork, driving it into the body over a foot. He cannot live.

Attorney-Gen. Smyth has decided that saline lands are exempt from the operations of the law which provides for withdrawing all state lands from sale after July 9. Saline lands may be bought as heretofore. Originally there were 30,000 acres of saline lands granted to the state. Twenty thousand acres have been sold and 5,000 acres leased, leaving 5,000 acres still open for purchase.

The citizens of Kearney will miss this year the old "overland" stage coach, formerly owned by Mayor Hulbert, but now the property of Hon. J. Sterling Morton, his son, Carl Morton having bought it a few days ago. The old land mark has always played a more or less important part in all Fourth of July celebrations and other appropriate occasions ever since Kearney was first settled.

This is what a hail and wind storm did to Hagan and vicinity: At the farm of Tom Wheaton the hail was severe, destroying his entire crop of small grain, while the wind took on the form of a twister and lifted the roof from his kitchen. C. L. Morse reported considerable damage to small grain in his vicinity. The windmill on the farm of Wm. Moon was blown down, and other damage done by the wind. At the farm of Charles Evans it overturned his chicken house and the rain and hail killed 135 chickens and also lifted his granary some four feet from the foundation.

The school census of Hastings shows 2,400 children, an increase.

The total number of children of school age in Fremont is 2,339. This includes forty-two children at the orphan's home and 186 at the normal school. Extensive of normal students it shows a gain of forty-three over last year.

J. McKee and E. Kleven of Hope, Hayes county, have each had two horses killed by lightning recently.

The adjutant general of the state of Missouri has issued a special order allowing the Thairston rides to pass through that state on a through-train, en route to and from the interstate drill contest at San Antonio, Tex.

## WILL PARDONS BE GRANTED?

### ALL MINNESOTA DISCUSSING THE YOUNGERS.

#### FEELING MUCH DIVIDED.

The Sentiment Strongly in Favor of Releasing the Two Men, but the Opinion General That One of the Board Will Oppose Par-don—Bank Teller A. E. Bunker Objects.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 12.—The one topic at the capital of Minnesota today is the application for the pardon of the Youngers, which will be considered by the state board of pardons Monday. Sentiment is divided, of course, but the overwhelming weight of it is in favor of the pardon.

Men well known throughout the state, who had heretofore bitterly opposed every move in the direction of clemency toward the Northfield bank robbers, have come forward to speak for their release within the last week. The press of Minneapolis and St. Paul favor the pardon, and upon this home sentiment the friends of the Youngers base whatever hope they may have that the board of pardons will release the convict brothers. This hope, however, is slender, for it has for many years been said in Minnesota that a man who might be instrumental in the pardon of the Youngers need never look for another office at the hands of the people. For this reason few people believe that the board will grant a release.

The board is composed of Governor Clough, Chief Justice Start and Attorney General Childs. It requires a unanimous vote for the board to grant a pardon. The board will meet to consider applications for pardon Monday morning. Among the very first of these will be the pleas for the Youngers.

It is the general belief that Governor Clough will vote for the pardon, but those who are closest to Attorney General Childs and Chief Justice Start say that neither of them has ever given expression on the subject. The change of sentiment in favor of the pardon may influence them, but at least one of them is expected to oppose. The pardon would be as much a surprise as is the change in public sentiment which has taken place.

### THE YOUNGERS SCORED.

Teller Bunker of the Northfield Bank Objects to Their Pardon.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 12.—The only individual protest of importance so far made against the pardon of the two Younger brothers is from A. E. Bunker, general manager of the Western Newspaper Union, who was teller of the Northfield bank in September, 1876, when they raided it. Mr. Bunker says:

"I was teller of the bank at the time and witnessed the attack upon Mr. Heywood and now carry a scar caused by a bullet wound through my shoulder, inflicted by Charley Pitts, one of the gang. It seems to me that statements of reputable citizens of Northfield, made directly after the raid, should be entitled to as much credence as statements made by Cole Younger, twenty-one years after. Younger's present story contains many mis-statements and omissions. He attempts to shield Frank and Jesse James, while seeking liberty himself. He would have us believe that he was at Northfield on that eventful day for the purpose of preventing the boys from killing law-abiding citizens. The citizen who followed the four robbers to the bank was J. S. Allen, and he was first to give the alarm on the outside. He was not ordered to stop by Clell Miller, but told to 'git. Don't you holler, or I'll kill you.' Allen 'got,' but 'hollered.' If Cole Younger told Miller or Styles not to shoot either Allen or Wheeler, no one else heard him.

"Cole Younger did not go to the bank door and tell 'the boys' to hasten out until after Miller and Styles were both killed and he himself was wounded; and he came to the bank door only once, just after I had been shot by Pitts. What Younger said was: 'Better get out, men. The game is up. They're killing all our men.' Those in the bank needed no second invitation, as they were baffled in their attempt to get the funds.

"The idea of Cole Younger sparing Dr. Wheeler's life by considerably aiming above his head and shooting into a pane of glass is ridiculous. He was not so silly as to permit the prosecution of the defenseless Swede, Anderson, whom he shot down in cold blood and of whose murder he pleaded guilty when arraigned at Faribault. The statement of Cole that he 'fired into the corner of the building on Bridge square to frighten people away,' etc., is imbecile. Manning was on that corner, and was there for business. Very soon after Manning's appearance the engagement became general and everybody was shooting to kill. More than thirty shots were fired at Manning and others on the corner, and it is miraculous how they escaped injury. The fact simply shows that the robbers were excited and were no better marksmen than Manning and Wheeler.

"When ex-governor Pillsbury was solicited to grant a pardon to the Youngers several years ago, he replied: 'When I think of the murdering of poor Heywood in cold blood and of the unpunished assaults on other law-abiding citizens of Northfield, I say nothing of other crimes committed by these men. I do not think they will live long enough to pay the penalty. I can not interfere.'

A YOUNG BROTHER FORMER KILLED. LAWRENCE, Kan., July 12.—Fred Gammon, a young farmer living at Media, eight miles south of here, died this morning of an aneurism, having been overworked yesterday afternoon.

## SERVICES FOR MR. HARRIS.

The President and Cabinet and All Congress Attend the Senate Obsequies.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Funeral services for the late Isham G. Harris of Tennessee were held in the Senate chamber at noon today in the presence of President McKinley and the members of his cabinet, Senators and members of the House of Representatives, members of the diplomatic corps, including the Chinese, Korean, Hawaiian, Mexican and Venezuelan ministers and officials from all branches of public life.

## MISSOURI NEGRO LYNNCHED

Erastus Brown of Villa Ridge Taken From the Jail at Union.

UNION, Mo., July 12.—Erastus Brown, the negro who made a criminal assault upon and nearly killed Miss Annie Foering, near Villa Ridge, July 2, and was subsequently captured and conveyed to Union to prevent his being lynched, was forcibly taken from jail at 2:30 o'clock this morning and hanged to a tree by a mob of men from the neighborhood of Villa Ridge.

## E. Silk of Moberly Convicted of Murder.

MOBERLY, Mo., July 12.—Ex-Street Commissioner E. Silk of this town was convicted in Huntsville of the murder of 17-year-old John Hellensmith here last year, and his punishment was fixed by the jury at twenty years in the penitentiary. Silk is an English sextagenarian. The quarrel was over cattle. Lynching was narrowly averted.

## Hogder and Sheep Struck Dead.

JETMORE, Kan., July 12.—Hans Anderson, a sheep herder for Ed Lafferty, living seven miles southeast of this place, was killed by lightning last night. Within a few feet of the body were sixty-three dead sheep that had just been driven into the pen by young Anderson and evidently stricken by the same stroke.

## Lewis May Be a Daves Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The president is said to have asked Committee man Kerens and Representative Pierce many questions about Robert E. Lewis, who was defeated for the governorship of Missouri last fall, and having received satisfactory answers, to contemplate the appointment of Mr. Lewis on the Daves commission.

## Two Big Cripple Creek Sales.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., July 12.—The Orphan Bell mines on Bull Hill have been sold for \$450,000. The purchasers are said to be large stockholders in the Calumet and Hecla copper mine. The Vandicard mine, also on Bull Hill, has just been sold to D. H. Moffat for \$399,000.

## British Cycle Shares Pauleky.

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 12.—The cut in cycle prices announced by the Rudge-Whitworth company, limited, of London, has caused a general fall of cycle shares on the stock exchange and almost a panic throughout the trade.

## A British Captain a Suicide.

LOXON, July 12.—Captain Francis Yorkie Mahon of the First Royal Dragoons, brother and heir presumptive of Sir Horace Westrop Mahon, Bart., has committed suicide by shooting himself. He was financially embarrassed.

## Arkansas Mines on Full Time.

HUNTINGTON, Ark., July 12.—The Kansas and Texas Mining company and the Prairie Creek Mining company of Huntington have started up on full time. It is not probable that miners here will take any part in the coal strike.

## Pension Agencies Will Stay.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The order of President Cleveland, issued last February, reducing the number of pension agencies in the United States from eighteen to nine, will be revoked by President McKinley within a few days, probably early next week.

## Two Kansas Struck by Lightning.

WASHINGTON, Kan., July 12.—During a rain storm last night Asher Root, who lives northwest of here, was struck by lightning while under a tree. He is expected to die. A boy who was with him was stunned. A man named Roberts, living fourteen miles north of here, was killed by lightning.

## Quay Not to Retire.

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 12.—Mr. Quay to-day authorized the announcement that he would be a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed himself. This sets at rest all rumors that he would retire from politics at the expiration of his current term.

## France May Retainate.

PARIS, July 12.—The Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 425 to 110 has adopted the Cadenas bill empowering the government to raise the duties on wheat, wine, cattle and meat at twenty-four hours' notice, subject to a subsequent approval of Parliament.

## A \$1,100 Request for a Dog.

CHICAGO, July 12.—Lawyer E. R. Ellison has drawn a will for John Spouner, an eccentric sailor, by which \$1,100 is left to Rover, a big Newfoundland dog. Spouner said he did not want Rover to be kicked about the world as his master had been.

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## AS TO BEET SUGAR.

### EFFORTS TO MAKE PROMINENT THE INTEREST.

Prof. Taylor Trying to Secure Foreign Exhibitors to the Exposition—Correspondence With Foreign Growers—A Model Plant to Be Put in Operation.

### Beet Sugar to Be Represented.

Prof. F. W. Taylor, superintendent of the bureau of horticulture, agriculture and forestry of the Trans-Mississippi exposition, is in correspondence with the growers of sugar beet seed, with a view to having them make exhibits at the exposition, showing the method used in propagating the seed for these beets. He states that encouraging replies have been received from several of these growers and he feels confident that a number of them will make exhibits. The professor says that the cultivation of beets for seed purposes is as carefully conducted as the breeding of fine stock. In brief, the plan is about this: The best looking beets are selected from the crop and a small portion is taken from each and subjected to a test for saccharine properties. If the test reaches the standard the beet is laid away until the next planting time. Those not passing the test are thrown into the pile with the common lot. The seed beets are planted the following year and carefully matured and permitted to "go to seed." In this manner the sugar-producing qualities of the beets have been raised to a higher percentage. Prof. Taylor hopes to have these foreign growers who make a specialty of raising seed come to the exposition, and he expects to make these exhibits the source of profitable information to the growers of beets in this section. He says there is no reason why the best sugar seed in the world should not be raised in this immediate section of the country, and he proposes to utilize the exposition as a means of instructing the seed growers in this region in the most approved methods adopted in Europe as the result of years of experimenting.

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Prof. Taylor is also in correspondence with the makers of beet sugar machinery, with a view of having a model plant in full operation on the exposition grounds in connection with the exhibit of seed growers. He says that he has no doubt that a complete plant will be established on the grounds and be in full operation during the season when beets are obtainable.

### The Anti-Pass Law.

Secretary Goodrich of the Omaha street railway company says that an order will be at once issued, based on the law passed by the late legislature, requiring all city officials holding street car passes to turn in their passes Sunday, July 11, and thenceforth they will have to pay fare like common people. The order will be more far-reaching than this, however, as it will also apply to members of the police and fire departments, who have hitherto been allowed to ride free upon showing their badges. Mr. Goodrich says he believes that the promulgators of the bill did not expect it to reach so far, but the bill provides that no pass shall be issued to an official or employee, elected or appointed, and particularly mentions that "no metal" or other device shall be given or used for the purpose of free rides. He says that the expense to the city on the police department alone will be enormous.

### Experimental Farming.

While the condition of Nebraska crops, as shown by local railroad reports, is so uniformly good this year that there is but little need to resort to artificial plans of soil culture, reports from the Campbell experiment farms along the Elkhorn and the Burlington lines throughout the state are most encouraging. They show that the prospects for this season's crop of barley, oats, potatoes and other agricultural products raised under the Campbell system of soil culture are much better than where the old method of farming has been strictly adhered to.

### Chauteauqua Pays Its Bills.

The Beatrix chauteauqua board met and issued orders for the settlement of all indebtedness incurred for the assembly just closed. A series of resolutions was adopted, among which was one censuring the Burlington railway management for refusing to operate special trains during the assembly and thanking other roads for so doing.

### Patents for Western Inventors.

Washington dispatch: Patents have been issued as follows: Nebraska—Frank J. Benschoter, Alliance, automatic copy holder; Guthridge G. Cross, Cedar Rapids, cultivator; Cassius E. Hillyard, Omaha, carrying crates; A. B. Noe, Lincoln, mud-lodge bottle; Susie E. Reeder, Omaha, curtain stretcher; E. A. Henderson, Omaha, hygiene apparatus; Charles Schneider, Bedford, stalk-cutter.

### Man and Wife Troubled by Bias.

Charles Seymour and wife of Wynmore were drowned in the Blue river near Blue Springs. They left home in a buggy for a bath, but failing to return as expected, a search was made and the horse and buggy found in the woods as also were the clothes of the couple. Search resulted in finding their bodies. Mr. Seymour was an engineer on the B. & N.

### Beet Seed and Statistics.

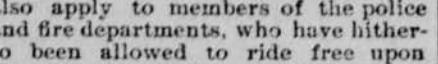
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### South Omaha's school census indicates a population of 10,000.

### Weather and Crops.

Conditions wonderfully favorable for all agricultural pursuits. Weekly crop bulletin No. 13 of the Nebraska section of the climate and crop service of the weather bureau for the week ending 8 p. m. July 5, says:

### Scale of Shades—Inches.



Rainfall for the week.—The last week has been a very warm one; the daily mean temperature has averaged about five degrees above the normal, the excess varying from two degrees in the western sections to nine degrees in the Missouri Valley. The maximum temperatures for the week quite generally exceeded ninety-five degrees, and in a few instances reached or exceeded 100 degrees.

The rainfall has been above the normal except in about ten counties in the southeastern section, where the rainfall has been less than half an inch, or about one-half the normal amount. The rainfall has been heaviest in the central counties, where it exceeded three inches for a considerable area, and in Greeley county exceeded five inches. The rain came in heavy showers in the central counties and many small areas received an excessive amount of rain.

The hot weather has caused rye and winter wheat to ripen very rapidly and the harvest of these crops has been pushed forward. Spring wheat and oats are generally growing well and filling nicely. Corn has everywhere grown well, but in the central sections the high temperature with abundant moisture has caused corn to make an unusually rapid growth. Cultivation of corn is being pushed except where the ground is too wet. The early planted corn is being laid by. In the region of deficient rainfall early potatoes have been considerably injured and oats somewhat shortened in yield. Reports by counties:

### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION.

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Polk—Corn making rapid growth; some being laid by; rye, winter wheat and clover being cut; early potatoes injured by June drought.

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## Railroads for Six Months.

CHICAGO, July 10.—The Railway Age says: The number of railroads for which receivers were appointed in the first six months of 1897 has been greater than for the corresponding period of 1896, although the mileage of the roads which have passed this year under the control of the courts, is not as great as last year by considerable. During the last six months nineteen roads with a total mileage of 1,314, and capital stock of \$85,625,000 have been placed in the hands of receivers.

## FOR YOUNGERS' PARDON.

Bronaugh and Jones File the Missouri Petition With Minnesota's Governor.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July